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The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, the first paragraph has been replaced by

-- This application is a continuation of Application Serial Number PCT/IB99/01899, which claims the benefit of the filing date of provisional application 60/108,129.--

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to F. Pierre VanderVegt whose telephone number is (571) 272-0852. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 6:30-4:00; Alternate Fridays 6:30-3:00.

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